

# The Story of the Marquis de Lafayette: A Contribution to the History of the American Revolution



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The Marquis de Lafayette was a French aristocrat and military officer who fought in the American Revolutionary War. He was a close friend of George Washington and played a key role in the American victory.

Lafayette was born in Chavaniac, France, on September 6, 1757. He was the son of Michel Louis Christophe Roch Gilbert Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, and Marie Louise Julie de La Rivière. Lafayette's father was a wealthy and influential nobleman, and his mother was a lady-in-waiting to Marie Antoinette. Lafayette received a privileged education, and he was fluent in several languages.

Lafayette was deeply interested in politics and military affairs. He was a supporter of the American Revolution, and he was eager to join the fight for American independence. In 1777, Lafayette sailed for America with a group of other French volunteers. He arrived in South Carolina in April 1777, and he was immediately appointed a major general in the Continental Army.

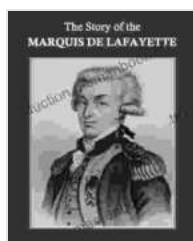
Lafayette fought bravely in the American Revolution. He participated in several major battles, including the Battle of Brandywine, the Battle of Germantown, and the Battle of Yorktown. Lafayette also played a key role

in the Siege of Yorktown, which led to the British surrender and the end of the war.

After the war, Lafayette returned to France a hero. He was hailed as a liberator, and he was awarded the Order of the Cincinnati. Lafayette continued to be involved in politics, and he served as a member of the French Constituent Assembly. He also fought in the French Revolution, but he was forced to flee France after the Reign of Terror.

Lafayette spent the rest of his life in exile. He lived in several countries, including the United States, Austria, and Prussia. He returned to France in 1815, and he was welcomed as a hero. Lafayette died in Paris on May 20, 1834.

Lafayette was a complex and fascinating figure. He was a man of great courage and determination, and he was deeply committed to the cause of liberty. He played a key role in the American Revolution, and he is remembered as one of the most important figures in American history.



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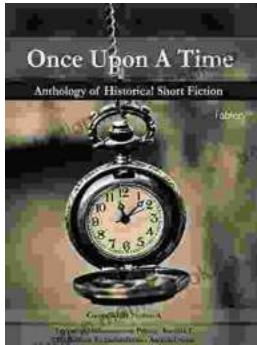
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